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UCR Quality Assurance Reviews Will be Offered Triennially

Effective October 1, 2003, the CJIS Audit Unit (CAU) will make Quality Assurance Reviews (QARs) available to the UCR Program once every 3 years. Currently, all reviews and audits originating from the CAU are scheduled biennially. However, to comply with generally accepted government auditing standards, the CJIS Division will audit each Control Terminal Agency once every 3 years. Audits will include reviews of compliance with policies related to participation in the National Crime Information Center, Interstate Identification Index, National Instant Criminal Background Check System, Criminal History Record Information, and National Fingerprint File. In conjunction with the audit of these programs, the CAU will schedule QARs to monitor participation in the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.

The QAR is designed to assist participating agencies in collecting and reporting accurate and complete crime data. Its mission is to assess the quality and reliability of UCR data and to evaluate the adherence to national UCR Program guidelines. The QAR focuses on the six requirements for the UCR Program and includes an analysis of classification and scoring procedures, clearances, property values, arrest counts, resubmission of errors, etc. Although the QAR process

remains the same, it will now be part of the newly revised triennial schedule that was recommended by the Criminal Justice Information Services Advisory Policy Board and approved by the Director of the FBI.

It is anticipated that Rhode Island QAR will be scheduled for the summer of 2005.

Electronic Availability of UCR Newsletters

The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) newsletters are available on the crime statistics link on the Rhode Island State Police Web Site at <http://www.risp.ri.gov/>.

Hardcopies of the newsletters are also mailed through the U.S. Postal Service and distributed to all UCR/RMS managers.

It is the responsibility of the UCR/RMS manager to disseminate the information as appropriate to your department members.